

REMARKS

In response to the official office action of August 11, 2004, applicant has canceled claim 1 in view of the prior art. Applicant has also rewritten claim 2 as a new base claim including the limitations of the original base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant disagrees with the examiner's rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 and claims 3-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103 in view of the stated prior art, because neither Trahan nor Benoit describes a tray. According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, a tray is defined as a flat receptacle. Trahan doesn't describe a flat receptacle, but instead describes a cup. In addition, neither Trahan nor Benoit describes a crab support member being a plate having a semi-circular main portion and planar end portions. According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, a plate is defined as a smooth flat thin piece of material. In Trahan, the roller support member 14 is definitely not a plate as described in the Webster's New World Dictionary, but instead is a block-shaped member. Also, neither Trahan nor Benoit describes a longitudinally curved crab compressing plate that is hingedly attached to one of the planar end portions of the crab support member, a structural limitation not described by either Trahan nor Benoit. Instead, Trahan describes a tongue 34 which is mounted to the roller support member 14. The tongue 34 is not longitudinally curved and is not hingedly attached to the roller support member 14, but instead, the tongue 34 is an extension from the roller support member 14. In addition, neither Trahan nor Benoit describes a bracket member being attached to the top side of the planar base member. Instead, Trahan describes the handle being attached to the roller support member and Benoit doesn't describe anything of the sort. As described above, none of the prior art describes the structural limitations of the present invention.

Applicant has amended claim 4 by substituting the word

"concentric" for the word "parallel". Support for the word concentric is definitely displayed in the drawings.

Applicant has not added any new subject matter to the claims and respectfully request that the examiner takes the foregoing into consideration and that he be granted Letters Patent for his invention.

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